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Applicant(s) : Eiichi Horita et al.  
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In response to the Office Action mailed on October 18, 2005 (the three-month response date for which is January 18, 2005), reconsideration of the above-referenced application is respectfully requested in view of the following.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are found in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin at page 20 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 22 of this paper.

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